

KWIB Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2009
Kentucky History Center
Frankfort, Kentucky

Members Present

Kenneth Allen, Sen. Charlie Borders, Rick Christman, Rep. Larry Clark, James Cole, Adam Edelen, Debbie Anderson representing Elaine Farris, Betsy Flynn, Oliver K. Gannon, Neena LaMendola representing Crystal Gibson, Sec. J. R. Gray, Hugh Haydon, Sec. Larry Hayes, Ed Holmes, Kim Huston, Lee Nimocks representing Robert King, Bob Lekites, Paula Lillard, Roger Marcum, Heidi Margulis, Gail Martin, Dr. Keith Bird representing Dr. Michael McCall, Sen. Vernie McGaha, Deputy Sec. Joe Meyer, Sec. Helen W. Mountjoy, Lara Needham, , Mark Needham, Kelly Nuckols, Dr. Judith Rhoads, Kevin Shurn, Sec. Marcheta Sparrow, Sandra Higgins Stinson, Diane Whalen, Gene Woods and Kim Menke representing Tom Zawacki.

Staff Present

Tom West, Elizabeth Hack, Cathy Lindsey, Laurent Rawlings, Barbara Sanders, Tim Thornberry, Linda Prewitt

KWIB Members Introductions

Members introduced themselves and explained their interest in workforce development.

Call to Order

Ed Holmes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Welcome

Adam Edelen, Chief of Staff with the Governor's Office, spoke on behalf of Governor Beshear. He stated the importance of the commitment that each member has made so that Kentucky is able to compete in a terrific way in a global economy. The Governor understands the relationship between education, workforce development, economic development and the future of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Workforce Investment Board (KWIB) is charged with developing a strategy that is going to make sure every child and every member of our workforce is able to realize their dreams here, raise their families, make a living and be able to compete. The work here is critical for setting the tone for the entire state and that is an important mandate. The Governor charges the KWIB to consider and make recommendations on the infrastructure necessary to support workforce development activities in the way that major players can both work together collectively and more effectively leveraging available funding for both public and private sources.

The Governor's goal for the KWIB is to establish a true system for workforce development activities that will be flexible, coherent and responsive to the needs of businesses and is designed to ensure that Kentucky has the workforce able to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Swearing In

The Honorable Phillip Shepherd, Franklin County Circuit Judge, 48th Circuit administered the Constitutional Oath to all members present.

Presentations

Secretary Helen Mountjoy provided an overview of Kentucky's Workforce System. She discussed the need to address workforce development to assure that employers come to Kentucky and expand their business. She emphasized that the most important incentive Kentucky can offer to

any business locating or expanding in Kentucky is a well-prepared, well-trained, hardworking workforce. She noted coherent and high quality training must be available to people entering the workforce. She stated the need for Kentucky to offer the basic education and technical skills training as well as the workforce qualities businesses require.

Deputy Secretary Joe Meyer discussed the stimulus funding and the resources available for workforce development. He stated the major funding streams for workforce development include the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Perkins Act. He provided a handout which shows the distribution of stimulus funds to each of the local workforce investment areas. He stated services to employees and employers are delivered through 31 full service One-stop Career Centers throughout the state. He also advised the board that a statewide reserve fund and statewide administration funding is part of the system.

Tom West, KWIB Executive Director, provided an overview of staff resources available to the board and discussed the commitment of staff and the Chair to assure proper use of the board members' time and participation.

Board Actions

KWIB Rules of Procedure

The KWIB was asked to adopt an Executive Authority and Rules of Procedure. A draft of the document was distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Education and Workforce Development Cabinet General Counsel Shannon Morgan was present to answer any questions.

A motion to adopt the Executive Authority and Rules of Procedure as submitted was made by Betsy Flynn and seconded by Representative Larry Clark. The motion passed.

WIA State Plan Endorsement

A draft of the State Plan Modification was provided to the members prior to the meeting. The modification is required to extend the existing plan into next year and as a requirement of the federal stimulus funds.

Following a brief discussion, a motion to approve the State Plan Modification as submitted was made by Representative Larry Clark and Seconded by Senator Vernie McGaha. The motion passed.

Incentive Grant Application

Members were asked to endorse a grant application for WIA Incentive Funding made available as a result of Kentucky meeting performance goals for the 2007 Program Year. Although only performance in Adult Education and Workforce Investment Act programs were considered, it was stated that Kentucky also met the standards for Perkins Act activities. There was a brief discussion of the National Career Readiness Certificate, one of the projects to be funded with the grant.

A motion was made by Hugh Haydon to recommend the grant application to the Governor and seconded by James Cole. The motion passed.

Visioning Exercise

Chair Ed Holmes led the board in a visioning exercise based on responses obtained prior to the meeting to a question about the qualities of a world-class workforce development system. A separate report documenting the results of the exercise will be prepared and distributed.

Housekeeping

Chair Ed Holmes stated that based on the survey results, the best two dates for the next KWIB meetings were September 17 and December 10. Board members were encouraged to reserve those dates. Elizabeth Hack explained the use of expense vouchers and electronic signature

forms to the board. Chair Ed Holmes explained that following this meeting he would be contacting members about committees.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kim Huston and seconded by Secretary Larry Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 12:05. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

The next KWIB meeting will be held September 17, 2009.

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